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This list of organizations, resources, and services is designed to help those interested in establishing a fishing recreation or education program. It contains 43 entries, each including the program title and mailing address. Entries include conservation programs, mapping companies, gear manufacturers, and distributors, as well as fishing foundations, institutes, and associations around the country. Most entries include a telephone number and some include descriptions of the programs, resources, or services offered. The available resources include fishing equipment, publications, videos, and instructional services. Twelve of the listings are noted as sources of fishing equipment for people with disabilities. (TES)

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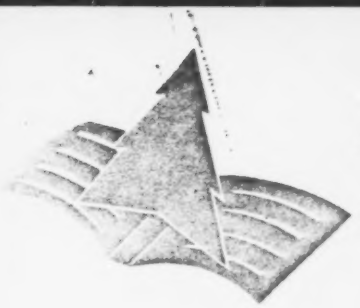

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Resources for Fishing and Aquatics Education

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The following compendium of ideas and resources may be helpful in establishing a fishing recreation or education program.

Cornell University Department of Natural Resources
Cooperative Extension 4-H Natural Resources Program
122A Fernow Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-2114
Dr. Marianne Krasny, Program Leader
Bruce E. Matthews, **Sport Fishing and Aquatics Resources Education Program** Coordinator (607-753-4971)

The **SAREP** program is designed to teach youth about stewardship of aquatic resources through their interest in fishing. An extensive leaders and members manual is available, instructor training workshops are held periodically, and a newsletter for volunteer instructors is published. The SAREP manual contains information on setting up community fishing derbies as well as establishing a fishing tackle lending program through a community library.

Other Extension publications on fishing are available at nominal cost through Cornell Cooperative Extension. Three excellent booklets are: **Let's Go Fishing,** by Decker, Howard and Kelley; **Let's Go Ice Fishing,** by Howard and Greene; and **Basic Fly Tying,** by Howard. A catalog of publications available from Extension can be obtained from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service, Distribution Center C, 7 Research Park, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850. Some of these publications are available locally through Cooperative Extension offices located in each county. Their phone numbers are usually listed under county government.

Cooperative Extension Sea Grant Program
12 Fernow Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
607-255-2832
Dr. Michael Voiland, Program Leader

Sea Grant supports research and education into issues that affect the nation's marine and coastal resources, including recreational fishing. Publications, contacts and program support are available from the Sea Grant office at Cornell as well as the 11 Sea Grant Extension offices located near New York's marine and coastal resources.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Rd.
Albany, NY 12233
Bruce Shupp, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries, 518-457-5420
Robert Budliger, Director, Environmental Education Services, 518-457-3720

There are 9 DEC regions in New York, with five additional sub-regional offices. Phone numbers and addresses are listed in DEC fishing guides and under state government in the phone book.

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The DEC offers publications, films and videos, and the support of the professional staff, which includes biologists, managers, and conservation law officers. Program ideas which involve the DEC include:

1. Visiting fish hatchery.
2. Assisting with stocking fish.
3. Observing electro-shocking or other sampling activity.
4. DEC speakers.
5. Films or videos.

The DEC also coordinates New York's **Project WILD** and **Aquatic WILD** programs through their environmental education office. The training and materials offered by this program are recommended.

National Wildlife Federation Conservation Directory
National Wildlife Federation
1412 16th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
703-790-4402

The **Directory** is a one-stop source for information on government, public agencies and conservation groups dealing with natural resources, conservation and outdoor recreation issues on a national, statewide and regional basis. It contains names of officials as well as addresses and phone numbers. A very valuable reference, it is updated annually and available at the first of each year. The 1990 edition costs $18.00, with a $3.50 mailing charge. Well worth it!

American Fishing Tackle Manufacturer's Association
AFTMA Center
1250 Grove Ave.
Barrington, IL 60010
Nancy Lem, Communications Manager
312-381-9490

The **AFTMA** is the national trade association for all fishing tackle manufacturers. Through AFTMA a directory of exhibitors at the annual trade show can be obtained, which lists names and addresses of most of the fishing tackle manufacturers. With the right approach, and especially with local manufacturers, support for fishing programs can be obtained.

The AFTMA also offers educational materials, including the highly acclaimed **AFTMA Fishing Education Curriculum,** fishing films and pamphlets.

The AFTMA supports the non-profit **Sport Fishing Educational Foundation.** This program offers financial support for educational research and the development of youth and participant oriented programs.

American Fishing Institute
Indiana State University
Terre Haute, IN 47809
Louis Jensen, Ass't Dean, Instructional Services
800-551-1639, 812-237-2336

The **AFI** conducts 2 day **Bass Fishing Institutes** around the country. Institute faculty are well-known anglers, and the programs are well-run and popular. Getting an Institute scheduled would be a good way to bring in a high caliber program to an area.

Berkley and Co.
One Berkley Dr.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
800-237-5539

Berkley is very supportive of fishing education activity.

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Cortland Line Co.
POB 5588
Cortland, NY 13045
800-847-6787, 607-756-2851
Mr. Leon Chandler, Vice President

Cortland is very supportive of fishing education activity, and offers a number of free or low-cost brochures on fly fishing.

Mustad Fish Hooks
POB 838
Auburn, NY 13021
Mr. Ed Galka

Mustad offers leaders of fishing education programs the opportunity to request hooks to be used in their programs. Leaders wishing to request hooks should contact Mr. Galka in writing with the specifics of the activity.

3M Leisure Time Products
Building 224-2S-27 3M Center
St. Paul, MN 55144
612-733-4751
Peggy Bromen

3M Leisure Time Products offers a high quality line of fishing instructional videos, featuring some of the best-known names in the business. These videos are available for purchase at 35% off list price to schools and clubs. Write to Peggy Bromen on letterhead for a catalog of titles.

Delorme Mapping Co.
POB 298
Freeport, ME 04032
207-865-4171
Mr. Charles Conley, Communications Director

Delorme publishes the state "Atlas and Gazetteer" series, showing each state section by section, with back roads and natural features.

Other Map Sources

Each **county highway department** publishes a map to the roads in the county. The U.S. Geological Survey publishes **topographic maps** for each area of the state. The topo maps are usually available from area sporting goods stores, backpacking supply outlets, book stores or office supply retailers. Each county clerk can find the **county plat maps.** The plat map indicates the location of each oparcel on the tax roles, and who owns the land. This may help in securing permission to fish on private property.

Outdoor Sports Expo Group
568 Columbia Tnpk.
E. Greenbush, NY 12061
518-479-3588

Promotes sportsman's and outdoor trade shows.

Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Expo
POB 364
Portsmouth, NH 03801
603-431-4315

Sponsors major consumer sport shows in the eastern U.S..

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International Sportsmen's Expositions
POB 2569
Vancouver, WA 98668
206-693-3700
Produces sportfishing and outdoor shows.

FishAmerica Foundation
1010 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Suite 100
Washington, DC 20001
202-898-0869
Richard T. Christian, Managing Director
The **FishAmerica Foundation** provides financial assistance for grass-roots, action-oriented projects designed to restore and enhance sport fish populations in North America.

Future Fisherman Foundation
Hwy 9 & 71
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
712-336-1520
Sharon R. Coe, Executive Director
Promotes participation in and education about fishing. May financially support local programs and projects.

Hooked on Fishing International
Box 691200
Tulsa, OK 74169
918-622-1601
Gordon Holland, contact
A service organization devoted to supporting and facilitating the operation of youth fishing derbies through clubs, parks and recreation departments, etc.

RodCrafters
Rte 2, Box 860
Wescosville, PA 18106
Rodcrafters is an organization of folks who enjoy building fishing rods. A quarterly publication and national rod-building workshops are offered.

International Game Fish Association
3000 E. Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
305-467-0161
Maintains world line class and fly rod records in salt and fresh water. Annually publishes **World Record Game Fishes.**

National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame
Box 33
Hall of Fame Dr.
Hayward, WI 54843
715-634-4440
Maintains world freshwater fishing records in line classes.

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Izaak Walton League of America
1701 N. Ft. Myer Dr.
Suite 1100
Arlington, VA 22209
703-528-1818

Conservation organization with focus on enhancement of habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities. Spearheaded national **outdoor ethics** focus. Sponsors the **S.O.S.(Save Our Streams)** program for stream monitoring and improvement. Local chapters (6 in NY) offer opportunities for cooperation on projects and sponsorship of activities. Contact NY Division president Stephen Castner, 315-536-3036 for names of local contacts.

L.L. Bean Fishing Hotline
800-341-4341

Call for information on fishing problems or equipment questions. A staff of experts will respond.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
18th and C Streets
Room 2725
Washington, D.C. 20240
202-343-1040

Information on fish and wildlife issues.

Sport Fishing Institute
1010 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Suite 100
Washington, D.C. 20001
202-898-0770

Sportfishing educational materials and services.

Wildlife Legislative Fund of America
50 W. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215
614-221-2684
Rick Story, Vice President for Programs

The **WLFA** is very active in protecting the rights of sportsmen and women. Offers educational materials and assistance for public displays.

Outdoor Writers Association of America
2017 Cato Ave.
Suite 101
State College, PA 16801
814-234-1011

The **OWAA** offers a speakers listing to obtain a speaker in the area of expertise desired. A traveling photo exhibit is available, offering about 50 award-winning color and black and white photos taken by America's outdoor communicators. An annual youth outdoor writing contest is held. Members of OWAA offer a valuable resource to any local organization seeking contacts or expertise in the field.

New York State Outdoor Writers Association
c/o Dave Henderson
202 Prospect St.
Endicott, NY 13760

Members of **NYSOWA** offer valuable expertise and resource contacts.
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Trout Unlimited
4260 E. Evans Ave.
Denver, CO 80222

TU is an international organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of coldwater fisheries. Local chapters can assist any organization wishing to establish a fishing program. Contact the national office for the names of local chapters.

Lake Ontario Charter Boat Association
POB 23291
Rochester, NY 14692

The **LOCBA** is an association of charter fishing skippers. It offers a directory of captains, listed by port. Some of these captains offer special programs for youth or special adult groups.

New York State Outdoor Guides Association
POB 916
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Publishes annual directory to licensed NYS guides. Directory lists guides by region and specialty. Offers a good resource of fishing experts.

Other Ideas

Phone numbers

Contact the phone company to obtain a **Directory of 800 numbers.** The book lists numbers by categories, like the yellow pages, and can assist in identifying fishing resources and tackle manufacturers.

Local Tackle Shops and Sporting Goods Retailers

May offer assistance in sponsoring events, providing equipment for prizes or activities, fishing expertise, meeting space.

Local Colleges

May offer meeting space, library resources or technical expertise.

Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP, AARP, Seniors Helping Others)

May offer volunteer assistance or provide a source for program participants.

Local Libraries and Library Systems

Offer the opportunity to set up a fishing tackle loan system.

Sportsman's Associations, Rod and Gun Clubs, Port Captain's Groups

Offer expertise, resource assistance, volunteers, may offer meeting sites.

Nature Centers, Parks Facilities, Environmental Education Center

Offer expertise, meeting sites.

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Sources of Fishing Equipment for Persons with Disabilities

IDEA (Innovator of Disability Equipment and Adaptations, Inc.
1393 Meadowcreek Dr.
Suite 2
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Brian Johnson, pres.

Brian is a spinal-injury quadriplegic who hunts, fishes and competes in wheelchair sports. His company offers a catalog full of products designed to enable persons with disabilities to adapt and participate in outdoor recreation activities, as well as live independently. **IDEA** lists electric fishing reels, rod holders and sound bobbers among its products. Brian is also avaliable for workshops or seminars on recreation and independent living.

Products to Assist the Disabled Sportsman
33012 Lighthouse Ct.
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
Judy Pachner

Thirty four pages of fishing (including fly fishing), fishing accessories, hunting, camping and boating assist products for persons with disabilities! A terrific source of equipment and ideas.

H.B.S. News Co.
POB 173
Lyons, Il. 60534
312-749-4368

Publishes **Disabled Boaters and Campers News** 6 times a year ($3 per yr.). Sponsors clinics and seminars in camping, backpacking and survival for persons with disabilities.

Disabled Outdoors Foundation
5223 South Lorel
Chicago, IL 60638
312-284-2206, 312-366-8526

A non-profit foundation for enabling persons with disabilities to access the outdoors.

Disabled Outdoors Magazine
5223 South Lorel
Chicago, IL 60638
312-284-2206. 312-366-8256

Quarterly publication covering all aspects of outdoor recreation for persons with disabilities. ($8 per yr.)

Recreational Challenges for the Disadvantaged
Box 442
Pierce, ID 83546
208-464-2118
Jim and Mary Ann McManus

Guide service for persons with disabilities. Fishing, camping, big game hunting and winter sports in Idaho.

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Loon Feather Charter and Guide Service
466 Gatehouse Rd.
Tully, NY 13159
315-696-6115
Capt. Bruce E. Matthews
Charter boat fishing for salmon and trout in Lake Ontario and New York's Finger Lakes. Specializes in developmentally disabled adults and children, persons with disabilities.

Access to Recreation, Inc.
2509 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Suite 430
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
805-498-7535
Donald Krebs, pres.
Hobby and recreation equipment for physically challenged.

Information Center for Individuals with Disabilities
20 Park Plaza
Room 303
Boston, MA 02116
617-727-5540
Resources source.

Cabela's, Inc.
812-13th Ave,
Sidney, NE 69160
1-800-237-4444
Source for the Royal Bee electric fishing reel.

Lifeboat Press
POB 11782
Marina Del Ray, CA 90295
Publishes International Directory of Recreation-Oriented Assistive Device Sources. Includes small section on fishing.

Miya Epoch, USA
1635 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 9u501
213-320-1172
Distributor for the Miya Epoch electric fishing reel.